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SUBJECT: GREEK-NATO SECURITY RELATIONSHIP

REF: USNATO 169; STATE 8361; USNATO 196

1. WE NOTE FROM PARA 2 OF USNATO 196 THAT SYG LUNS PLANS SOON TO CIRCULATE TO DELEGATIONS PO-75-1 ON THE SUBJECT OF NEGOTIATIONS ON GREEK-NATO SECURITY RELATIONSHIP.

2. OUR INITIAL REACTION IS THAT LUNS IS PROCEEDING MORE PRECIPITATELY THAN HE EARLIER SUGGESTED HE WOULD, AS REFLECTED IN AMBASSADOR BRUCE'S DISCUSSION WITH HIM, INCLUDING THE AMBASSADOR'S INJUNCTION TO GO SLOW CONTAINED IN PARA 11 OF USNATO 169.

3. FURTHER, WE ARE CONCERNED ABOUT PANSA'S CONVERSATION WITH THEODOROPOULOS (USNATO 169), IN WHICH PANSA INDICATED IN RESPONSE TO THEODOROPOULOS' QUERY IF NATO HAD ANY DEFINITE IDEAS YET THAT "YES, BUT THESE  
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WERE NOT YET FINALIZED BY DPC." WE ARE UNAWARE OF ANY

WORK TO DATE BY DPC TO PREPARE ISSUES FOR DISCUSSION,  
APART FROM LIST OF ISSUES EARLIER CIRCULATED BY LUNS  
TO WHICH PANSA MAY BE REFERRING. MOREOVER, WE BELIEVE

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IT PREMATURE FOR PANSA TO HAVE SUGGESTED TO THEODORO-  
POULOS THAT PROBLEMS MIGHT ARISE IN AREA OF INFRA-  
STRUCTURE PROGRAM AND IN MAINTAINING PRESENT NPG  
ARRANGEMENTS, ON BASIS THAT "THESE WERE STRONG LEVERS  
FOR NATO TO USE."

4. WHILE RECOGNIZING LUNS' DESIRE TO ACT RESPONSIBLY  
AS NATO SYG IN LAYING THE GROUNDWORK FOR EVENTUAL  
NEGOTIATIONS WITH GREECE, AT THE SAME TIME WE FEEL  
IT IMPORTANT THAT HE UNDERSTAND THAT HIS ACTIONS MUST  
BE TAKEN IN CLOSEST CONSULTATION WITH  
THE "THIRTEEN." INDEED,  
IF THERE IS INSUFFICIENT ORCHESTRATION OF THE NATO AND  
US APPROACH TO THE NEGOTIATIONS, THERE MAY BE SERIOUS  
DIFFICULTIES FARTHER DOWN THE PATH.

5. ACCORDINGLY, MISSION SHOULD APPROACH SYG LUNS  
TO REMIND HIM THAT HE HAD AGREED (USNATO 169) TO A  
"GO SLOW" APPROACH, AND NOT TO CIRCULATE POLITICAL  
PAPER TO THE ALLIES, FEELING THAT THIS WOULD ONLY  
FORCE THEM TO MAKE DECISIONS ON ISSUES. WE FULLY  
SUPPORT THIS APPROACH. HOWEVER, IN EVENT LUNS HAS  
SHIFTED HIS VIEW SINCE HIS CONVERSATION WITH  
AMBASSADOR BRUCE, WE WOULD APPRECIATE OPPORTUNITY  
TO REVIEW PO-75-1 BEFORE IT IS CIRCULATED TO OTHER  
ALLIES.

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